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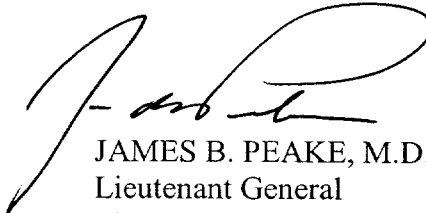
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**MEMORANDUM FOR MEMBERS PREVENTION, SAFETY AND HEALTH PROMOTION  
COUNCIL (PSHPC)**

**SUBJECT: Chairman's Message**

1. As the new PSHPC Chairman, I would like to express my gratitude to Lieutenant General (Retired) Charles Roadman and Lieutenant General Paul Carlton, for the work that they did to foster the success of the PSHPC.
2. The PSHPC is charged with being a key influence and champion of the health of the active force and our other beneficiaries. The Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness established the PSHPC as a venue to develop a DoD enterprise-based approach to Prevention. The Council's purpose is to provide an integrative and collaborative forum for a community of multi-functional executive-level DoD leaders to advocate and support disease, occupational illness and injury prevention, be proactive on health and safety issues, and provide strategic oversight for selected initiatives.
3. Since inception the PSHPC has undertaken a series of initiatives. The Alcohol Abuse Tobacco Use Reduction Committee has addressed those unhealthy lifestyle habits. The Joint Preventive Medicine Policy Group and the Injury and Occupational Illness Prevention Committee have engaged on deployment health and force health protection. The Put Prevention Into Practice and Self-Reporting Tools Committees have studied population health. The PSHPC has established the Suicide Prevention and Risk Reduction Committee. In each of these areas the PSHPC has made important inroads. The challenge ahead is to operationalize our work across the services.
4. During my tenure as Chair, I want to ensure that we institutionalize the work of the PSHPC across our military by being programmatic in our approach. We must focus on process outcomes and the development of metrics to access those outcomes. We should collaborate with civilian industry to adapt proven benchmarks to our DoD community. This is especially critical in the areas of Environmental Safety, Occupational Health and Injury Prevention. I want the work of this committee to be of value-add for the Services.
5. I look forward to working with you during the next two years and solicit your advice and assistance in achieving our goals.

  
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Lieutenant General  
The Surgeon General